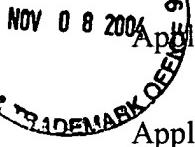


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Transmitted herewith is an Preliminary Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement for filing in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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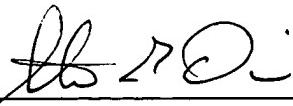
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Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement dated October 5, 2004, the claims of Group II, as amended, are provisionally elected with a partial traverse of the restriction requirement as set forth below. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Please amend the application as follows: